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## Prohibitory Law on Sinai.

Ex. 20.; HAB. 2.: 12-15,  
On Sinai's lofty height our God in  
dreadful might  
Said, thou shalt not steal nor kill,  
Nor do thy neighbor ill;  
Nor base desires fulfill.  
Thou shalt thy neighbor love;  
Goodness and truth approve;  
And give to God above the honor due.  
Build not thy house with blood  
Lest thou dost feel the rod,  
Which the Almighty God will lay on  
thee.

## BEAVER VALLEY, NEB.

Jan. 26.—I have been a reader of the EVANGELIST for several months, and ever find it a source of great comfort and benefit. We do not hear much preaching out here this winter, as our Eld. C. Forney of Burr Oak, Kans., lives quite a distance from us, and only comes here every eight weeks, but we hope to have him oftener when spring comes. The Brethren church of this place is moving steadily along in the good cause.

On account of bad weather we have not been having any meeting since Bro. Forney, held his meeting Christmas week. But the weather is better now, and we met yesterday, Sunday at the school house, for prayer meeting, and had a refreshing time, I believe we were all thankful, for the privilege of again gathering together to worship God, and I trust that we all felt a renewal of Grace in our hearts. We know that God is ever good to all ready to cheer and strengthen us and make our hearts rejoice, if we, but trust in his precious promises.

Our meeting was conducted by Bro. Israel Baer. We believe the Brethren church of this place has the prospect of a bright future, for we know that God loves and will prosper his faithful follower and where prayers are offered by heart sincere and true. He is ever ready to pardon and renew.

We have also formed a Bible class, which we hope will result in much good, and that God will bless our effort.

Elder C. Forney will be with us again on the 20th and 21st of Feb. We always look forward to his coming with impatience.

MAT EMBREE.

## ELKHART, IND.

I closed our meetings on Sunday Jan. 31st. Four were added to the church. Three are heads of families and will be valuable additions. They are men. Sister Ida Stutsman, the one formerly reported, intends to go to Ashland College at the opening of the fall term. She is a good organist, and reads music at sight. The chapel services will need her.

During the meetings the opposition was bitter. The Evangelical Association held their Sunday School from 9 A. M. till 11 A. M. to keep others, as well as their own members, from our meetings. Every Wednesday night they held their prayer-meetings in sight of our church. The last week they held three parties and in this way tried to detract from our meetings. How

hard some people must work to keep away from the truth. The G. B's also held a protracted meeting only about a mile away. All these meetings divided the crowds and detracted from the interest. I suppose the parties were not as interesting as they would have been had it not been for our meeting.

The church here has a hard battle to fight. May He who does all things well, yet have that entire community to praise him. May sweet yet come from the bitter, and may God bless all who labor there.

A. A. COBER.

## SWEET HOME, IND.

Bro. Rittgers commenced meeting about a week ago at this place. Had large congregations when the stormy weather would permit. The school house where the meeting was held was small. Bro. Rittger's health was not very good, having contracted a severe cold on his lungs, and the German Baptists refused us the house that we helped to build and everything seemed to work against us this time, but notwithstanding all the inconveniences the good Lord seemed to be on our side for there were five accessions to the church and we think that more were near the kingdom. This makes us a total of seventy-six added to our congregation since the 17th of Nov. 1885. We now have a live church. We expect to build us a house of worship next spring. Bro. Rittgers our pastor, is an efficient worker and we think under his leadership there will be added from time to time such as are to be saved. Brother Mallott has been at Milford and round about for some time we were in hopes that he would come this way, as he was so close but it seems that he is afraid of this place.

We see by the EVANGELIST, No. 4, that Bro. Ridenour is at Flora, Ind., taking in Rosenberger's converts. We hope that he may be able to do a good work there as it is a new field and a German Baptist stronghold. Let us all pray for him. Wish we had many more such workers in the field as Bro. J. A. Ridenour. He is surely the right man for that noble work.

We will have to give Bro. P. J. Brown credit for his effort in EVANGELIST No. 4, entitled, "Still another Side." He has certainly struck the nail squarely on the head. That has always been my mind exactly. I do not believe in any half way business in this matter. If this work be of man it will come to naught, but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it. Therefore I cannot go the man-made part, nor will trail after it for an instant. The New Testament is enough for me.

We are well pleased to think that Bro. A. A. Cober was so well satisfied with the swamps of northern Indiana. We hope he will not get so badly stuck but that he may penetrate them so far as Sweet Home some time in

the near future. We hope he will have success in drawing the people out of those swamps of sin, and teach them to follow Christ. May the God we love bless us all and keep us faithful, is the prayer of your humble servant.

F. H. FRAME.

## AKRON, IND.

February 1.—Meeting still in progress with good interest. I went home to North Manchester, Saturday night after preaching. In consequent of the trains not connecting, I could only get with in two miles of home by rail. To our surprise Bros. J. Domer and Daniel Miller met us with ample provisions to convey us home. Thanks Brethren for remembering us. Was happy to meet our family and the brethren and sisters at home. Four were added to the church during our visit home. Manchester is still alive.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

## KIMBALL, D. T.

Jan. 24.—Before us, we have the minutes of the meeting taken down at the time they occurred. Also No. 51, of 1885 and No. 2, of 1886. Eld. I. A. Murray writes that C. P. L. Roberts, did not properly represent him. If we have done him an injustice we are ready to apologize for the same, first we never charged Murray with being expelled from any church.

Secondly, Murray says Roberts is a member of no church. Roberts is and has been a member of the Free Baptist church, ever since Eld. John Wise declared he (Roberts) was not a member of the G. B. church, because he carried his certificate for six months, not allowing the members a voice in the case, hence expelled without a charge of any kind, the circumstances of which Murray was cognizant and condemned at the time. I account for my presence at the organization of Dec. 12 on this wise: Murray said sometime about the 1st of Dec., that they intended to organize a church, and wanted me to join in with them. As I have charge of school house No. 2, I swept the house and furnished fuel, made the fire and then should have withdrawn according to Conservatism.

In regard to the deacon being accepted without a certificate, we acknowledge our mistake; we gave that as we understood it at the time. Accepting this deacon was not according to the old rules of the G. B. church. So we see people and churches become Progressive and fall in with the popular current and are not aware of it. Thank God that this nation is Progressive and is becoming better every year.

Next, Roberts said all those who joined this organization lived twenty-seven miles southwest of Kimball. Those who Murray now claim in this neighborhood did not present their certificate that day. Hence we made no willful misrepresentation. It is not our desire to

wound the feelings of any one, but a church that is so unfortunate as to have members who say one church is as good as another, has very poor material in case of an emergency.

The writer believes there are Christians in all well regulated church organizations. We wish to have it understood that we have no personal feeling against Eld. Murray.

We are not the only one who was disappointed in the organization of Dec. 12th, 1885, but we feel very much encouraged by letters from several excellent Christian ministers. We think it is much better for us to stand by our convictions now than to unite and separate after a while. We feel sure we are right in advocating a Progressive organization from the fact we believe we can do more good, live nearer to the teachings of our Saviour than any other church.

In conclusion we will say we are glad that J. A. Murray has finally taken a position. Hence we feel as though we had accomplished some good. Some time in May we expect to effect a Progressive organization and shall labor for its accomplishment.

C. P. L. ROBERTS.

## TIOSA, IND.

Jan. 30.—Since our last report eight more have united with the church at Tiosa. Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald preached five sermons since our protracted effort closed, and the results were as above stated. We desire the prayers of the Brotherhood that the good work may still continue at this place.

W. L. WOLF.

## MIDDLETON, VA.

Bro. E. B. Shaver preached several evenings here in January and the results were three additions. Others are counting the cost. All were members of the M. B. church.

JACOB RINKER.

## Doctrinal Sermons.

I am pleased to see that some of our Brethren are in favor of Doctrinal Sermons; such as Bro. McFaden and Lewis Hang. Let the world know that we have the doctrine of Christ, and are not afraid to preach it, and defend it. Shun not to declare the whole council of God. I have not heard a doctrinal sermon for a long time. Whether the brethren are afraid, or whether they try to please the world, I cannot tell. If we please the world, we are the enemies of God. Let the gospel hammer strike at every evil. Look at pride for instance. Satan has planted it in every church and it has taken root and is growing rapidly. Think dear reader, the judgment of the last day is coming.

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing whether it be good or evil. Prepare to meet your God. I am afraid some would tremble, if

they would meet Jesus, who has said that he hateth a proud heart. They would try to hide from his presence. Brethren, preach against it. Ere long the trumpet is going to sound, and the dead will be stirring in their graves, the sea will roll its million to the shore, the living are being changed, the sun is folding up its light, and the moon will be hung in blood. The earth will tremble, and a voice will break upon the ear, there shall be no more time. Eternity will set in, and none but the pure in heart shall see God.

DAVID HELSER.

## Gleanings.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 1.—I am visiting friends in the Miami Valley. Met with the Brethren in the city. They are still in the faith. Visited with Bro. Kheil and family and found them in good health. Met Bro. E. S. Miller and others whose names I cannot recall. All seem to think that when that church property question is once decided, they will have their minds free to be occupied by a loftier train of thought. They are having a similar experience to our own. Only in our case the property has been quitclaimed to us, binding us to keep it open for all Orthodox Societies, when not occupied by us. That embraces the conditions upon which the church was built, and I think it will be best if they leave the matter that way. But if they, the G. B's, see it in any other light, the community will insist upon the law deciding it. I hear it said that I am to blame for it. I don't view it in that light but if no one else wants to carry the responsibility, if they see room to place it upon me all right. I will shoulder it, as Bro. Brown says. I would feel uncomfortable if I did not hear of something I had done occasionally.

I see in the Brethren Annual that but three congregations are reported, sorry that matter has been neglected, there are not less than twelve congregations that I know of, several of which number between 75 and 100 members. Hope that in my absence which will be all summer (as I am on my way to East Tennessee) that the Brethren, H. R. Holsinger and James A. Ridenour, will look after our cause in and about Huntington. There is a good location for some brother that wishes to change climate, etc.

R. K. BINKLEY.

Circumstances is the occasion of vice.

Poverty of soul is worse than that of fortune.

The virtues of a man are seen in his actions.

An obedient wife commands her husband.

Peace in a sinful course is one of the greatest of curses.

Better suffer from truth than prosper by falsehood.

Consistency is an acquired habit, and of slow growth.